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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

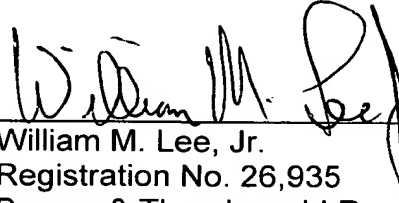
In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136, the applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month to respond to the Office Action mailed June 29, 2005

Response will therefore be timely if filed with the Patent and Trademark Office no later than October 31, 2005 (October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> falling on a weekend).

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.17, the required fee of \$120 is attached hereto.

October 31, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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